



# Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County

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## HIGH HOLY DAYS INFORMATION 5783 - 2022

### SELICHOT:

Saturday, September 17

### ROSH HASHANAH:

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 25  
First Day – Monday, September 26

### YOM KIPPUR:

Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 4  
Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 5

*This booklet contains all the information you will need for planning your High Holy Day observance at Beth Israel Congregation in 2022. Please read it carefully before filling in any forms. Keep it handy throughout the High Holy Days.*

## INTRODUCTION

L'shana tovah! The High Holy Days mark the opportunity to gather together and join in the celebration of a new year. They also enable us to work to acknowledge our failings and forgive others as well as ourselves. We are truly blessed to share these holy and sacred days together and invite each of you to join us to participate in these special days.

The High Holy Days are a time when many of us attend synagogue services. Rabbi Jon Cutler will be leading the services and, again, offer insights into the High Holy Day service to help us understand and find relevance in this ancient liturgy. The Beth Israel Choir, led by Robin Napiecek, will take part in our services.

Each year we strive to improve upon the High Holy Day experience of the previous year. We will be offering services in our sanctuary as well as live streaming for those that wish not to attend in person. We will follow the masking policy in place at the time of the service. Currently, the policy is that masking is optional. Any changes will be announced via email and also posted on the synagogue doors.

In addition to our regular adult services, we will also once again hold special programming for children who are too young for the full service and a junior congregation for our younger religious school students.

**We ask that whether you are a new or a long-term member, you read this booklet in its entirety to familiarize yourself with the options for seating, extra seat requests, parking, etc.**

All online forms can be linked from this document and can also found on the Beth Israel website at: [www.bethisraelpa.org/hhd5783](http://www.bethisraelpa.org/hhd5783)

## DUES & SEATING POLICIES

Full memberships include high holiday seats so please renew your membership prior to the start of the holidays. As we did last year, we are only offering **unreserved** seating this year so people can choose to physically distance themselves if they are more comfortable doing so. **We will not be mailing tickets.** All seat selections will be handled upon entrance to Beth Israel.

For the High Holy Days, we implement additional security precautions for the safety of our congregants. **It is essential you bring your access fob** for easy entry during all services so please help our ushers and remember to bring your fob. We appreciate your cooperation and understanding.

## EXTRA SEATS FOR GUESTS OF MEMBERS

All dependents of members of the congregation are entitled to High Holy Day seats at no additional charge. Anyone under the age of 30 who graduated from Beth Israel's Religious School may have a High Holy Day ticket for him/herself at no cost.

Members in good standing may purchase extra seats for the High Holy Days. Use the form at the back of the booklet or go to [www.bethisraelpa.org/hhdseats](http://www.bethisraelpa.org/hhdseats). Any additional seat request is valid for all High Holy Day services.

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| a. Child guest (under 18) of member              | \$ 36 each |
| b. Adult guest (over 18) living in member's home | \$ 54 each |
| c. Adult guest (over 18) of member               | \$ 76 each |
| d. Associate member and guests                   | \$108 each |

Beth Israel participates in an informal reciprocal High Holy Day seat arrangement with other synagogues. Parents or children of our members who are year-round members in good standing at any other congregation that is 60 miles or more from our area may obtain complimentary High Holy Day seats at Beth Israel, if available. Simply send a written request (or email or fax) from your home congregation to the Beth Israel office specifying the names of the people requesting reciprocal seats.

If you know of someone looking for a place to attend services for the High Holy Days, please notify Stuart Miller ([stooey222@yahoo.com](mailto:stooey222@yahoo.com)) or Cindy Blair-Miller ([gybo1004@gmail.com](mailto:gybo1004@gmail.com)).

## NON-MEMBERS

Non-members may purchase seats at \$255 each. Non-members who join the congregation within the 2022 - 2023 fiscal year will have the cost of their seats applied to their 2022 - 2023 membership dues.

## FRIENDS OF BETH ISRAEL (*Haverim*)

Anyone who has joined as a Friend of Beth Israel (*Haverim*) over the past year is welcome to purchase seats at the discounted price of \$162 each.

## ONLINE STREAMING

As mentioned above, all High Holy Day services will be online via Facebook live stream. We understand that this might cause concern to some congregants because we are providing High Holy Day services “for free” to non-members. There are a number of reasons we have made this decision.

We always strive to be an open and friendly community. We welcome non-members to visit and partake in services when they are exploring congregations in hope that they will join Beth Israel. Since some members of our community are unable to be vaccinated and therefore less comfortable attending services in person, we felt it critical to be creative in how we make ourselves available. Membership dues pay for many other aspects of the synagogue besides just High Holy Day services. Being a member means that we understand that supporting the synagogue for current and future generations is crucial to being a part of the Jewish Community. We have a very large Facebook following of non-members developed over the past year and we will be suggesting Facebook followers / attendees make a general donation to Beth Israel or become a Friend of Beth Israel (*Haverim*) as a possible first step to becoming a member.

## HONORS

High Holy Day honors consist of *aliyot*, ark openings and closings, *hagbahot* (lifting the Torah), *gelilot* (dressing the Torah), and Kol Nidre Torah honors. Without services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah, the number of honors available are limited. Traditionally at Beth Israel, board members and trustees are honored with *aliyot*. We then try to honor families and members who support the congregation by their involvement in our religious school, our committees, and our auxiliaries as well as by attending services or other forms of support. Those receiving *aliyot* will be notified with the specifics of the honor offered in recognition of service and contributions to Beth Israel. Please respond quickly and make sure to arrive as close to the start of services as possible to ensure that you are available for your honor and to help services run smoothly. If you would like to open the ark, dress or lift the Torah during one of the services, please contact Cindy Blair-Miller ([gybo1004@gmail.com](mailto:gybo1004@gmail.com)) to let us know. Often families make a donation to the congregation in appreciation of their recognition and, while this is appreciated, it is not mandatory.

## YIZKOR SCROLL

The Beth Israel 5783 Yizkor Scroll provides a way to memorialize your loved ones and lists the names of all those remembered by Beth Israel families. Reading the names in the Yizkor scroll during the service, we can all share our memories as one congregational family. This year our Yizkor book will be virtual only with an online scroll of entries.

If you'd like to include names for the scroll, please go to [www.bethisraelpa.org/yizkor5783](http://www.bethisraelpa.org/yizkor5783) to enter your names and indicate your donation. You will be able to add your loved ones to the scroll online through **Monday, October 3**. If you are unable to submit your entry online, please contact the synagogue office and we will ensure that your loved ones are included. The Board of Directors suggests a minimum contribution of \$36 for every five names you wish to include.

## **ROSH HASHANAH ONEG AND KIDDUSH**

Beth Israel's Sisterhood is sponsoring an oneg immediately after services on Sunday, 25 September, and a Kiddush following services on Monday, 26 September. Everyone is invited.

## **BREAK-THE-FAST**

We will once again be holding a Break-the-Fast on 5 October following the shofar blowing ending Yom Kippur. We'll be sending out more information shortly.

## **SISTERHOOD HOLIDAY GREETING**

The New Year is quickly approaching! Beth Israel Sisterhood would like to offer each of you a wonderful way to wish your fellow Beth Israel congregants a happy and healthy New Year by participating in our High Holiday fundraiser. We are pleased to let you know that we are back to baking the apple honey cakes! Beth Israel members received a link to our new online form to select the names of those you would like to wish a Happy New Year. If you check off reciprocals, a card will be sent with your name to anyone who sent one to you. This is a nice way to "reciprocate" to those who you forgot to add to your list. If you choose to use the paper form, it is available in the High Holiday booklet.

All congregation members will receive a beautiful card in the mail that lists the names of everyone who wished them l'shana tova. In addition, a delicious apple honey cake will be available for each family to pick up at High Holiday services.

We are asking that all forms are filled out and returned by September 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for participating! Please contact [biccsisterhood@gmail.com](mailto:biccsisterhood@gmail.com) for questions or additional information on ordering.

# HIGH HOLY DAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

## Saturday, 17 September

Selichot Services ..... 8:00 p.m.

## Sunday, 25 September – Erev Rosh Hashanah

Candle Lighting..... 7:06 p.m.

Services ..... 8:00 p.m.

## Monday, 26 September – Rosh Hashanah First Day

Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

Junior Congregation ..... 10:00 a.m.

Young Children’s Program ..... 10:00 a.m.

## Sunday, 2 October

Tashlich Ceremony ..... 9:45 a.m.

*(Charles H. Martin Memorial Park, 415 Deep Willow Dr, Exton)*

Kever Avot Service ..... 1:15 p.m.

*(Beth Israel Cemetery)*

## Tuesday, 4 October – Kol Nidre

Candle lighting ..... 6:51 p.m.

Services ..... 6:30 p.m.

## Wednesday, 5 October – Yom Kippur

Services ..... 9:00 a.m.

Junior Congregation ..... 10:00 a.m.

Young Children’s Program ..... 10:00 a.m.

Yizkor will follow sermon

Afternoon Study Session..... 4:15 p.m.

Mincha/Reflective Service/Neilah ..... 5:00 p.m.

Sounding of Shofar ..... 6:45 p.m.

## Sunday, 9 October

Open Sukkah ..... 4:00 p.m.

*(Rabbi & Thierry’s House. RSVP to [biccacct@gmail.com](mailto:biccacct@gmail.com))*

## Monday, 10 October – Sukkot

Morning Services ..... 9:30 a.m.

## Sunday, 16 October – Simchat Torah

Dinner..... 5:00 p.m.

Evening Services..... 6:30 p.m.

## **SELICHOT**

The month prior to the High Holy Days, Elul, is a time to prepare. Tradition teaches that Elul is a particularly good time for repentance. This mood builds through the month of Elul to Selichot, Rosh Hashanah, and finally to Yom Kippur. As the month of Elul draws to a close, the mood of repentance becomes more urgent. Prayers for forgiveness called *selichot* are added to the daily cycle of religious services and are recited in the early morning, before normal daily shacharit services, from the Sunday before Rosh Hashanah until Yom Kippur. (If Rosh Hashanah begins on a Monday or Tuesday, *selichot* begins on the Sunday of the week before Rosh Hashanah, to make sure that there are at least 3 days of *selichot*.) The first *selichot* service of the holiday season is traditionally a large community service held around midnight on the night after the Sabbath ends. The entire community, including men, women and older children, attend the service and the rabbi gives a sermon.

Beth Israel will hold its Selichot service this year on Saturday, 17 September, at 8:00 p.m. Plan to begin the High Holy Day season with our congregation, coming together in community.

## **YOUTH PROGRAMS**

### **For Families with Children 8 Years Old and Younger**

We are pleased to offer a specially designed Young Children's program from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. for our younger children and their families for the first day of Rosh Hashanah and for Yom Kippur. The children learn about the holiday, hear books read to them, blow their "shofar," and complete a small craft.

### **For 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Junior Congregation will be held in the chapel on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m. It is an interactive service with the students participating while using *Tiku Shofar*, the youth machzor from United Synagogue. We hope to have the children join everyone in the sanctuary to hear the blowing of the shofar.

## **KEVER AVOT (Meditation & Prayer)**

*Kever Avot* (קְבֵר אָבוֹת) means "grave of the fathers" and is the custom of visiting the graves of parents or close relatives and praying there. The prayers ask for peaceful eternal rest and an invocation for God's aid to the living on the basis of the pious deeds of the dead performed in their lifetime. Since Judaism generally does not encourage "praying to the dead", the custom of *kever avot* was limited to special occasions: a *yahrzeit*, *erev Rosh Hodesh*, and *Tisha b'Av*.

Our annual *Kever Avot* service at the Beth Israel Cemetery will be held Sunday, 2 October, at 1:15 p.m. Following the service, Rabbi Cutler will be available for prayers at individual family gravesites.

## **SOUNDING OF THE SHOFAR**

The shofar will be sounded during services on the first day of Rosh Hashanah. It has long been the custom at Beth Israel to have three *ba'al tekiot* (shofar blowers) during these services. Everyone who would like to blow his or her own shofar is invited to come up to the bimah at the end of Yom Kippur. We will signal the end of the service by blowing our shofars together.

## **PARKING**

We have allocated additional handicapped parking for the High Holy Days. These are located along the front of the building as well as along the back near the Memorial Garden. Handicapped parking is very limited so we advise you to come early.



## HIGH HOLY DAY FOOD DRIVE

Once again, Beth Israel will be participating in a food drive to benefit local people in need. Your participation is essential to make this effort successful “because no one should go hungry.”



Here’s how you can help! Donate any unexpired, non-perishable foods such as canned tuna, canned chicken, sardines, pasta, peanut butter, jelly, jam, spaghetti sauce, soups, canned fruit, canned vegetables, rice, cereal, baby food, and dried beans. Please bring your donations to Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County **between 1 September and 4 October** (there will be a donation box near the front doors of the synagogue.) If you don’t have time to shop, feel free to donate a grocery gift card or make a monetary contribution. Every little bit helps!

## TZEDAKAH BOXES

Don’t forget to bring in your *tzedakah* box during the holiday season. We hope you have saved your loose change during the year in your *tzedakah* box and can now bring it to Beth Israel between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. We’ll give you an empty box to use again for next year. The funds collected will go to the charity selected by the congregation at our semi-annual congregational meeting in October. *Tzedakah* boxes will be collected throughout the High Holy Days.

# L'shana Tovah!

The Board of Directors, Trustees, and staff of Beth Israel Congregation wish you and your family a happy, healthy, and safe New Year!

Rabbi .....Jon Cutler  
Music Director .....Robin Napiecek

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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# HIGH HOLY DAY ADDITIONAL SEAT REQUEST FOR 2022

Complete this form and mail to:  
 Seating Committee  
 Beth Israel Congregation of Chester County  
 PO Box 678  
 Uwchland, PA 19480

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Member's Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone number in case we have questions

Or complete it online at:  
[www.bethisraelpa.org/hhdseats](http://www.bethisraelpa.org/hhdseats)

**Please print clearly.** List the full name for each seat requested, beginning with the member's name.

Member Name Here:	Ticket Code:	Amount:	Please mark with an "X" which services each person will be attending.			
			Erev Rosh Hashanah	Rosh Hashanah	Kol Nidre	Yom Kippur
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED FOR SEATS</b>						

* Code		Amount Charged
A	Regular Member	No charge - <i>request not required</i>
B	Dependent children of Member	No charge - <i>request not required</i>
C	Guest of member, under 18 years of age	\$ 36 each
D	Guest of member, 18 years of age or older	\$ 76 each
E	Friends of BI	\$ 162 each
F	Associate member and guests	\$ 108 each
G	Non-member, living in member's home	\$ 54 each
H	Non-member	\$ 255 each
I	Religious School graduates, under 30 years of age	No charge - <i>request not required</i>

Finance Committee Verification

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

I would like the following people memorialized in the 5783 Yizkor Scroll of Remembrance:

\_\_\_\_\_ Same as last year's scroll

\_\_\_\_\_ Same as last year's scroll with the following additions:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ The following list of people:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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I am enclosing a contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to Beth Israel in memory of my loved ones. (The Beth Israel board suggests a minimum donation of \$36.00 for every 5 names.)